

# Washington Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

## 2003 Tobacco Survey Results

### *Skamania County*

#### What is your age?

n = 206

18 - 34	19.8%	(± 7.9%)
35 - 54	49.5	(± 8.4)
55 - 74	22.1	(± 5.9)
75+	8.6	(± 4.3)

#### Gender

n = 206

Male	48.5%	(± 8.4%)
Female	51.5	(± 8.4)

#### Which one of these groups would you say best represents your race...

n = 203

White	96.3%	(± 3.5%)
Black or African American	0.4	(± 0.7)
Asian	0.0	(± 0.0)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2.9	(± 3.4)
American Indian, Alaska Native	0.4	(± 0.8)
Other race	0.0	(± 0.0)
No preferred race	0.0	(± 0.0)

#### Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?

n = 205

Yes	1.4%	(± 1.8%)
No	98.6	(± 1.8)

#### Marital status

n = 205

Married	72.2%	(± 7.3%)
Divorced	8.4	(± 3.3)
Widowed	5.5	(± 3.2)
Separated	1.8	(± 1.5)
Never been married	10.7	(± 6.2)
Or a member of an unmarried couple	1.4	(± 1.4)

#### How many children less than 18 years of age live in your household?

n = 205

None	63.2%	(± 8.1%)
1	14.6	(± 5.8)
2	13.8	(± 6.4)
3 or more	8.4	(± 4.1)

#### What is the highest grade or year of school you completed?

n = 205

Some high school or less	4.3%	(± 3.1%)
High school graduate or GED	35.8	(± 8.4)
Some college or technical school	34.4	(± 7.7)
College graduate or more	25.5	(± 7.2)

\* Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.

<b>Are you currently. . .</b>	n = 205	
Employed for wages	53.9%	(± 8.1%)
Self-employed	7.4	(± 3.5)
Out of work	5.6	(± 3.3)
Homemaker	9.9	(± 4.4)
Student	2.1	(± 2.8)
Retired	16.5	(± 5.7)
Or unable to work	4.7	(± 2.8)

<b>Annual household income from all sources</b>	n = 186	
Less than \$20,000	14.4%	(± 6.1%)
\$20,000 to less than \$50,000	48.9	(± 8.8)
\$50,000 or more	36.7	(± 8.6)

<b>Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your entire life?</b>	n = 220	
Yes	44.4%	(± 11.0%)
No	55.6	(± 11.0)

<b><i>Among those that have smoked at least 100 cigarettes in their entire life:</i></b>		
<b>Do you now smoke cigarettes everyday, some days, or not at all?</b>	n = 113	
Everyday	39.5%	(± 12.2%)
Some days	11.8	(± 8.2)
Not at all	48.7	(± 11.6)

<b><i>Among current smokers:</i></b>		
<b>During the past 12 months, have you stopped smoking for 1 day or longer because you were trying to quit smoking?</b>	n = 47	
Yes	*	*
No	*	*

<b>Current cigarette smoking prevalence:</b>	n = 220	
(every day or some day smokers among the whole population)	22.8%	(± 8.4%)

<b><i>Among those that have smoked at least 100 cigarettes:</i></b>		
<b>Did you smoke any cigarettes during the past 30 days?</b>	n = 105	
Yes	47.4%	(± 11.7%)
No	52.6	(± 11.7)

<b><i>Among those that have smoked in the past 30 days:</i></b>		
<b>On how many days of the past 30 days did you smoke cigarettes?</b>	n = 44	
Less than 30 days	*	*
30 days	*	*

<b><i>Among those that have smoked in the past 30 days:</i></b>		
<b>On average, about how many cigarettes per day do you smoke, on the days that you do smoke?</b>	n = 44	
Average:	*	*

\* Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.

<b>Have you ever tried using smokeless tobacco, like chew, dip or snuff?</b>	n = 203	
Yes	25.0%	(± 7.7%)
No	75.0	(± 7.7)

***Among those that have ever tried smokeless tobacco:***

<b>On how many of the past 30 days did you use smokeless tobacco products?</b>	n = 43	
None	*	*
Less than 30 days	*	*
30 days	*	*

<b>Current smokeless tobacco prevalence:</b>	n = 203	
(any use in past 30 days among the whole population)	2.9%	(± 2.8%)

<b>Do you currently smoke tobacco in a pipe?</b>	n = 203	
Yes	0.3%	(± 0.6%)
No	99.7	(± 0.6)

<b>In the past month, have you smoked a cigar, even just a puff?</b>	n = 202	
Yes	2.8%	(± 2.5%)
No	97.2	(± 2.5)

<b>In the past month, have you smoked bidis?</b>	n = 203	
Yes	2.3%	(± 3.1%)
No	97.7	(± 3.1)

<b>In the past month, have you smoked clove cigarettes?</b>	n = 202	
Yes	1.3%	(± 2.6%)
No	98.7	(± 2.6)

<b>Current tobacco use (all types of tobacco)</b>	n = 203	
Current daily tobacco user	26.4%	(± 7.6%)
Current non-tobacco user	73.6	(± 7.6)

***Among former smokers:***

<b>About how long has it been since you last smoked cigarettes regularly, that is, daily?</b>	n = 61	
Within the past month (less than 1 month ago)	2.8%	(± 3.8%)
Within the past 3 months (1-3 months ago)	0.0	(± 0.0)
Within the past 6 months (3-6 months ago)	18.3	(± 12.1)
Within the past year (6-12 months ago)	31.7	(± 13.3)
Within the past 5 years (1-5 years ago)	46.5	(± 14.6)
Within the past 15 years (5-15 years ago)	0.7	(± 1.5)
More than 15 years ago	0.0	(± 0.0)
Never used regularly	0.0	(± 0.0)

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***Among former smokers:***

**When you last smoked cigarettes regularly, on average, how many cigarettes did you smoke per day?** n = 58

Average: 22.9 (± 3.8)

***Among current tobacco users:***

**In the past month, did you buy tobacco on a Native American reservation?** n = 52

Yes 4.7% (± 6.9%)

No 95.3 (± 6.9)

***Among current tobacco users:***

**In the past month, did you buy tobacco from the Internet?** n = 52

Yes 2.4% (± 3.5%)

No 97.6 (± 3.5)

***Among current tobacco users:***

**During the past month, did you buy tobacco outside the state to save money - not just because you were traveling?** n = 52

Yes 32.7% (± 16.1%)

No 67.3 (± 16.1)

***Among current/former tobacco users:***

**People close to me are/were upset by my using tobacco.** n = 96

Strongly agree 50.5% (± 12.3%)

Somewhat agree 21.9 (± 11.2)

Somewhat disagree 15.9 (± 7.8)

Or strongly disagree 11.7 (± 6.6)

***Among current/former tobacco users:***

**When was the last time a family member or friend advised you to quit, if ever?** n = 104

Within the past year (1-12 months) 40.4% (± 11.7%)

Within the past three years (1-3 years) 1.1 (± 1.6)

3 or more years ago 34.1 (± 10.9)

They never advised me to quit 24.3 (± 9.4)

***Among current/former tobacco users:***

**When was the last time a DOCTOR or other healthcare provider advised you to quit, if ever?** n = 106

Within the past year (1-12 months) 29.0% (± 11.7%)

Within the past three years (1-3 years) 7.6 (± 5.4)

3 or more years ago 18.6 (± 7.5)

They never advised me to quit 44.8 (± 11.6)

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**Among current/former tobacco users:**

**When was the last time a DENTIST advised you to quit, if ever?**

n = 105

Within the past year (1-12 months)	12.9%	(± 10.6%)
Within the past three years (1-3 years)	3.3	(± 3.7)
3 or more years ago	12.7	(± 6.6)
They never advised me to quit	71.2	(± 11.5)

**Among those advised to quit:**

**Did the health care professional who advised to quit offer any help, or refer you to a source of help to quit tobacco use?**

n = 59

Yes	45.5%	(± 15.5%)
No	54.5	(± 15.5)

**Among current/former tobacco users:**

**How many times in your life have you seriously tried to quit using tobacco?**

n = 99

0	4.2%	(± 3.6%)
1-2	48.1	(± 12.2)
3-5	27.8	(± 11.9)
6 or more	19.9	(± 8.7)

**About how long has it been since you last visited a DOCTOR for a routine  
checkup?**

n = 200

Within the past year (1-12 months ago)	83.5%	(± 5.3%)
Within the past two years (1-2 years ago)	9.6	(± 4.3)
Within the past 3 years (2-3 years ago)	2.5	(± 2.0)
Within the past 5 years (3-5 years ago)	1.7	(± 1.5)
5 or more years ago	2.8	(± 2.3)
Never	0.0	(± 0.0)

**What type of health coverage do you use to pay for most of your medical care? Is  
it coverage through. . .**

n = 183

Your employer	45.2%	(± 8.8%)
Someone else's employer	23.2	(± 7.2)
A plan that you or someone buys on your own	7.3	(± 3.7)
Medicare	14.2	(± 5.3)
Medicaid or Medical Assistance	9.1	(± 5.9)
The military, CHAMPUS, or the VA	0.8	(± 1.2)
The Indian Health Service	0.3	(± 0.6)
Some other source	0.0	(± 0.0)

**Among current and recent former smokers:**

**Within the past year, have you heard about any programs in your community to  
help you quit using tobacco, such as classes, support groups or counseling  
services?**

n = 46

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

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***Among current and recent former smokers:***

**Within the past year, did you participate in any kind of program, class or group to help you quit using tobacco?** n = 46

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

***Among current and recent former smokers with health care coverage:***

**Does your health care insurance coverage pay for the cost of any help to quit using tobacco, such as a stop-smoking program or nicotine patches, pills or other medications?** n = 38

Yes	*	*
No	*	*
Don't know/Not sure	*	*

***Among current and recent former smokers:***

**During the past year, did you use nicotine patches, pills or other medication to help you quit using tobacco?** n = 46

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

***Among current and recent former smokers:***

**Have you heard about the Washington State "Quit-Line" - a telephone support service to help people quit using tobacco?** n = 45

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

***Among current and recent former smokers who have heard of the "Quit-Line":***

**Have you called the Quit line?** n = 31

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

***Among current tobacco users:***

**Would you like to quit using tobacco?** n = 48

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

***Among current tobacco users who would like to quit:***

**Are you seriously considering quitting tobacco use within the next 6 months?** n = 28

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

***Among current tobacco users considering quitting within 6 months:***

**Are you planning to stop within the next 30 days?** n = 24

Yes	*	*
No	*	*
Don't know/Not sure	*	*

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<b>Are you currently registered to vote?</b>	n = 201	
Yes	83.7%	(± 5.9%)
No	16.3	(± 5.9)

<b>Which of the following statements best describes the rules about smoking in your home. . .</b>	n = 200	
No one is allowed to smoke anywhere inside your home	83.3%	(± 6.6%)
Smoking is allowed at some places or at some times	9.6	(± 5.9)
Smoking is permitted anywhere inside your home	7.1	(± 3.7)

<b>How many people, including you, who live in your household currently smoke cigarettes, cigars, or pipes?</b>	n = 203	
No current smokers in household	66.3%	(± 8.4%)
1	22.3	(± 7.7)
2	7.7	(± 4.1)
3 or more	3.8	(± 4.2)

<b>On how many of the past 30 days has someone, including you, smoked cigarettes, cigars, or pipes anywhere inside your home?</b>	n = 202	
None	83.4%	(± 6.8%)
Less than 30	6.9	(± 5.4)
30 days	9.7	(± 4.8)

<b>If it were just up to you, would you let people smoke inside your home?</b>	n = 198	
Yes	11.4%	(± 5.7%)
No	88.6	(± 5.7)

***Among people who are currently employed for wages:***

<b>When you are at work, do you spend most of your time in an. . .</b>	n = 113	
Office	40.6%	(± 11.1%)
Store	11.8	(± 8.5)
Restaurant or Bar	6.5	(± 6.0)
Warehouse or factory	11.0	(± 7.4)
Home/Someone elses home	7.0	(± 4.1)
Outdoors	14.9	(± 9.4)
Car or truck	0.6	(± 1.2)
Classroom	5.1	(± 4.5)
Hospital	1.3	(± 1.9)
Somewhere else	1.2	(± 1.7)

***Among people who are currently employed for wages:***

<b>Is smoking allowed in any of the following areas at your workplace. . . Some or all indoor work areas?</b>	n = 115	
Yes	9.6%	(± 8.1%)
No	90.4	(± 8.1)

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***Among people who are currently employed for wages:***

**Is smoking allowed in any of the following areas at your workplace. . . Employee lunchrooms or lounges?** n = 114

Yes	7.2%	(± 7.8%)
No	92.8	(± 7.8)

***Among people who are currently employed for wages:***

**Is smoking allowed in any of the following areas at your workplace. . . A different designated indoor smoking area?** n = 113

Yes	11.5%	(± 8.9%)
No	88.5	(± 8.9)

***Among people who are currently employed for wages:***

**In a typical week, how many hours would you say that you are in a room or car with secondhand smoke while you are at work?** n = 113

None	88.1%	(± 6.5%)
Less than one hour	7.0	(± 5.3)
One hour or more	4.9	(± 4.0)

**In general, would you say that breathing secondhand smoke is. . .** n = 198

Not at all annoying to you	13.0%	(± 6.3%)
A little bit annoying	11.9	(± 6.0)
Somewhat annoying	20.5	(± 6.5)
Very annoying to you	54.6	(± 8.6)

**Would you say that breathing secondhand smoke is. . .** n = 197

Not at all harmful	1.6%	(± 1.7%)
A little bit harmful	2.8	(± 2.1)
Somewhat harmful	28.2	(± 8.2)
Very harmful	67.4	(± 8.3)

**All people should be protected from secondhand smoke.** n = 197

Strongly agree	60.4%	(± 8.4%)
Somewhat agree	21.1	(± 6.2)
Somewhat disagree	9.3	(± 5.9)
Strongly disagree	9.1	(± 5.7)

**All children should be protected from secondhand smoke.** n = 197

Strongly agree	89.7%	(± 4.4%)
Somewhat agree	4.9	(± 3.0)
Somewhat disagree	1.8	(± 1.6)
Strongly disagree	3.6	(± 3.0)

**Do you think that smoking should be completely banned in restaurants?** n = 202

Yes	72.0%	(± 7.8%)
No	25.1	(± 7.6)
Don't know/Not sure	2.9	(± 2.6)

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<b>Do you think that smoking should be completely banned in bars and lounges?</b>		n = 199
Yes	41.3%	(± 8.3%)
No	53.0	(± 8.4)
Don't know/Not sure	5.7	(± 3.2)

<b>Do you think that smoking should be completely banned in outdoor public areas where children may be present?</b>		n = 202
Yes	56.0%	(± 8.4%)
No	38.3	(± 8.2)
Don't know/Not sure	5.7	(± 3.6)

<b>Local law enforcement officials should place a high priority on enforcing laws that ban the possession of tobacco products by minors.</b>		n = 193
Strongly agree	60.4%	(± 8.6%)
Somewhat agree	21.8	(± 7.8)
Somewhat disagree	11.1	(± 5.3)
Strongly disagree	6.7	(± 3.9)

<b>The city or town where you live should establish as many strong rules and laws as possible to protect nonsmokers, including children, from secondhand smoke.</b>		n = 191
Strongly agree	52.7%	(± 8.6%)
Somewhat agree	25.5	(± 7.5)
Somewhat disagree	7.0	(± 3.7)
Strongly disagree	14.8	(± 6.3)

<b>School officials should make sure that all children receive anti-tobacco education.</b>		n = 200
Strongly agree	81.8%	(± 7.3%)
Somewhat agree	10.1	(± 5.9)
Somewhat disagree	4.0	(± 2.9)
Strongly disagree	4.1	(± 4.6)

<b>Tobacco use by adults should not be allowed on school grounds or at any school events.</b>		n = 200
Strongly agree	82.5%	(± 6.2%)
Somewhat agree	13.9	(± 5.7)
Somewhat disagree	3.0	(± 2.7)
Strongly disagree	0.6	(± 0.9)

<b>Have you seen or heard about any efforts or activities in your community or in schools to prevent or reduce tobacco use among youth?</b>		n = 196
Yes	48.3%	(± 8.6%)
No	51.7	(± 8.6)

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***Among people who have seen or heard of community efforts/activities:***

**Have you participated in any efforts or activities in your community or in schools to help reduce tobacco use among youth?**

n = 99

Yes	20.0%	(± 10.6%)
No	80.0	(± 10.6)

***Among people who have seen or heard of community efforts/activities:***

**To your knowledge, has there been a local anti-tobacco or anti-smoking organization working in your community over the past few years?**

n = 98

Yes	29.2%	(± 10.6%)
No	54.0	(± 11.7)
Don't know/Not sure	16.8	(± 7.6)

***Among people who know of anti-tobacco organizations in their community:***

**Do you approve of what this local organization is doing to prevent tobacco use and help people quit?**

n = 29

Definitely yes	*	*
Probably yes	*	*
Probably no	*	*
Definitely no	*	*

**There are more negative things than positive things about smoking.**

n = 200

Strongly agree	93.5%	(± 3.4%)
Somewhat agree	4.9	(± 3.0)
Somewhat disagree	1.6	(± 1.7)
Strongly disagree	0.0	(± 0.0)

**Smoking sometimes makes a person more attractive.**

n = 201

Strongly agree	0.7%	(± 1.5%)
Somewhat agree	0.8	(± 0.9)
Somewhat disagree	4.2	(± 2.8)
Strongly disagree	94.3	(± 3.3)

**There are so many things that cause cancer, tobacco use is not going to make any difference.**

n = 197

Strongly agree	3.9%	(± 2.8%)
Somewhat agree	5.8	(± 5.0)
Somewhat disagree	3.7	(± 2.8)
Strongly disagree	86.6	(± 6.1)

**Would you ever use or wear something that has a tobacco company logo or picture on it?**

n = 193

Yes	15.8%	(± 6.3%)
No	84.2	(± 6.3)

\* Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.

**Do you currently have a piece of clothing, or other item that has a tobacco brand or logo on it?** n = 198

Yes	10.9%	(± 6.0%)
No	89.1	(± 6.0)

**During the past year, have you received a free sample or coupon for a free sample of cigarettes or other tobacco products?** n = 195

Yes	21.1%	(± 7.7%)
No	78.9	(± 7.7)

**During the past year have you been somewhere, such as concert or special event, where tobacco companies were having a promotion - for example, giving away free samples or having a special give-away?** n = 198

Yes	10.1%	(± 5.9%)
No	89.9	(± 5.9)

**Tobacco companies should have the same rights to advertise their products as other companies.** n = 191

Strongly agree	26.0%	(± 7.3%)
Somewhat agree	29.9	(± 8.8)
Somewhat disagree	9.3	(± 4.3)
Strongly disagree	34.8	(± 7.9)

***Among people with children ages 12 to 17:***

**Which of the following best describes the way you have discussed the dangers of tobacco use with your child. . .** n = 28

We have talked about the dangers of tobacco use many times	*	*
We have had at least one conversation that I can remember	*	*
I don't remember a specific conversation, but my child knows how I feel	*	*
For now, I have not talked with my child about the dangers of tobacco use	*	*

***Among people with children ages 12 to 17:***

**Have you told your child specifically that you do not want him or her to use tobacco?** n = 28

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

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